

BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC)

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE - Betty Gosney, Jacqueline Cox, Adrian McDaniel, Lynda Gonzalez, Gregory Ware, and Youth Member, Andrew Holmes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lynda Gonzalez motioned to approve the minutes for the February 1, 2011 meeting and Jacqueline Cox seconded the motion. Gregory Ware motioned to approve the minutes for the March 1, 2011 meeting and Adrian McDaniel seconded the motion. Both minutes were approved.

Recognition of the Bloomington High School Wrestling Team – Assistant Principle Chris Burner provided introductory remarks regarding the excellent accomplishments of BHS students in academics and in athletics. Betty Gosney, Adrian McDaniel, Frances Vasquez and others presented duffle bags and certificates of recognition to the Bloomington High School 2010-2011 CIF Dual Championship Wrestling Team. The honorees included: Jorge Carbajal, Johnny Foster, Israel Rodriguez, Jonathan Gutierrez, Carlos Garcia, Angel Sida, Christopher Amador, Marcos Villarreal, Obed Borboa-Perez, Uzo Owuama, Kenneth Ramirez, Gino Guerrero, Brian Alvarez, Anthony Wright, Alex Cruz, Jorge Medina, Rafael Oseguera, Juan Alvarado, Edward Randolph, Victor Mendoza, Ahmad Salem, Emad Shalabi, Marin Padilla, Angel Villarreal, Rene Sanchez, Derrick Jones, Sidney Jackson II. The honored coaches were: Gabriel Schaefer, Erwin Schaefer, & Steven Padilla.

STAFF REPORTS

a. California Highway Patrol – Officer Steve Robinson

Officer Robinson announced the closure of the police training academy. He stated that a unit is assigned to Bloomington everyday and on every shift. Since Bloomington is a larger area, more officers are assigned to the area. Gregory Ware asked about the hands free device enforcement. Officer Robinson stated they have been enforcing it. They are also including iPods because it is considered a mobile device. Drivers who are reading, eating, holding a dog in their lap, or anything that can distract the driver can be ticketed. He answered additional questions from the residents.

b. Sheriff's Department – Sgt. Maggie Finneran

Sgt Finneran stated that when a resident calls in to dispatch, it becomes a record. Based on the information the caller provides, the Sheriff Department can research the call. However, it is more efficient if the caller can provide a report number. The Sheriff's department is aware of feuding tagging crews. Gang graffiti is photographed for analysis. Residents can download an application and use their smart phones to report graffiti. The report goes straight to Code Enforcement. She recommended the owner/victim of the building should also report the graffiti. LCD projectors were stolen from schools. She wanted residents to call in if they knew who may have stolen them. She was continually accepting new applications for citizen volunteers who were interested in the safety of their community. She encouraged residents to report vendors who are operating without a license. Sgt. Finneran answered questions from the residents. The phone number to dispatch is (909) 829-7311 and the Fontana Station phone number is (909) 356-6767.

c. Special Districts – Tim Millington

Mr. Millington reported the cost to fix the interior of the old fire station was \$10,000. To replace the stolen piping, it will cost an additional amount. He encouraged the residents to report suspicious activity. He stated he conducted a job walk for movement of the fence which will help protect the building. Betty Gosney asked what will be done with the building. Mr. Millington stated the building was not suitable for someone to move it. Once the building is rehabilitated and if no one moves in, then the county may auction it off. Adrian asked about adding cameras. Mr. Millington stated he will talk to Code Enforcement to see if it is feasible to install cameras. The Kessler Park bids came in and Roadway Construction won the contract for \$575,000. The Ayala Park irrigation project will begin this summer.

d. Field Representative – Frances Vasquez

- Proclamations – The Board of Supervisors (BOS) proclaimed April 10-16, 2011 as the Week of the Young Child and National Public Health Week. Also, the month of April 2011 was Workforce Development Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month in the County of San Bernardino.
- Women's Club – Ayala Park – Ms. Vasquez spoke to Tim Millington regarding the feasibility of using the community center at Ayala Park. The Woman's club will be allowed to meet at Ayala Park. Woman's club members have been having medical issues. They are a small group with an average age of 83 years old. They voted to disband and thanked the MAC Committee for being strong supporters of their group.
- Emergency Alert Radio Station – Valley region: KFRG 95.1 FM; Caltrans Information, 1620 AM. S.B. County Emergency Information Line: (909) 355-8800
- Public Works information: The Cedar Ave. re-pavement project in Bloomington will start in the last week of April and should be complete on the last week of May.
- The BOS awarded a contract for construction of curb and gutter, cross gutters, spandrels, driveway approaches and road re-pavement improvements on the Fifth Avenue project in Bloomington. The proposed drainage improvements will improve drainage flow and alleviate the need for excessive road maintenance by improving the existing flow line. All work will be done within the existing right-of-way. The project will be funded using Prop 1B funding that must be expended by the June 30, 2011 deadline.
- The BOS also awarded a contract for construction of road improvements on the Santa Ana Avenue project in Bloomington and Fontana. The project involves removing asphalt concrete surfacing and repaving the entire roadway with rubberized asphalt concrete. All work will be done within the existing right-of-way. Project costs will be paid using Prop 1B monies that need to be expended by the June 30, 2011 deadline. A question was asked about the feasibility of adding bike lanes, which Ms. Vasquez will inquire about it.
- The BOS held the second reading and final adoption of amendments to the county code relative to medical marijuana dispensaries. Ms. Vasquez read highlights of the proposed Medical Marijuana Ordinance to the residents.

- Code Enforcement – Ms. Vasquez reported there were one hundred fifty five (155) open cases in Bloomington. They were focusing on medical marijuana issues. Ms. Vasquez stated Code Enforcement has been working diligently. Six (6) dispensaries were given administrative citations. Vendor sweeps found four (4) illegal vending operations. PACE is wrapping up the final project area. The Pace Cleanup on March 19th was successful. Sixty three (63) residents were served. Three (3) families called appreciating the cleanup event. The Bloomington Cleanup on April 2, 2011 was also a success. There were five hundred (500) participants who disposed one hundred (100) tons of waste, and sixteen (16) tons of e-waste.
- The new weed abatement phone number: (909) 387-4044.

NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Preparedness – Vangie Soward, County Public Health Dept.

Ms. Soward stated the Department of Public Health has plans in place to prepare for emergencies (natural disasters, virus, drought, etc). She stressed the importance of having a plan for your own family and a need for a family emergency kit. She recommended a family should have 1 gallon of water per day. Ms. Soward also recommended families should take advantage of flu clinics because people are still getting sick. Flu shots will be given at Ayala Park free of charge on April 29 from 9am-11am, and that she would send flyers to Ms. Vasquez to announce it. On Tuesday and Thursday nights Public Health facilities will be giving flu shots until June. Ms. Gonzalez inquired about getting sick after getting the flu shot. Ms. Soward stated it is most likely a cold and not the flu. Ms Vasquez helped pass out informative brochures.

San Bernardino County Fair Board – Chelsea Reid & Danielle Johnson

Ms. Reid and Ms. Johnson stated they were from the Jr. Fair Board and encouraged people to attend the Fair on May 14 – 22. There will be a live stock auction to raise money for college.

YOUTH MEMBER REPORT

Andrew Holmes stated the Choir went to their first competition of the year. He also stated Jacob Gutierrez was hit by a car and passed away. This was the time more teenagers die on the road due to drunk driving. He has been working diligently to save the lives of his friends and other students.

MEMBER REPORTS

Gregory Ware stated he was back from surgery. He also shared a site where you can watch eagles hatch: Youstream.com

Betty Gosney will not be attending next month's meeting.

Lynda Gonzalez thanked Andrew Holmes for standing up against teen drunk driving.

Adrian McDaniel encouraged residents to stay involved. He stated that collectively the community can accomplish their goals. He reminded residents about preparing their emergency kits and being ready for emergencies.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

What to pack in your emergency kit?

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jesse Valenzuela announced that Congressman Joe Baca's office will announce the winning art piece that will be displayed at the nation's capital at an event on April 8, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Home of Neighborly Service. The Transportation Summit will take place on April 15, 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario. Topics include legislative updates, freeway infrastructure, and logistics.

Dave Jayne thanked the residents for attending to the Freedom Riders event. He wanted the park maintenance machinery to be working in order to keep the parks looking nice.

Chris Andrews discussed the Rialto Commerce Center Project. He stated he had contacted Penny Newman and Rachel Lopez who helped stop a development in Riverside. They suggested for residents to seek support from their Supervisor to assist in imposing an injunction. David Getty added facts and reasons why this project should be halted.

Maria Alba announced a meeting date on April 12 at 6pm at 150 S. Palm Ave at the City of Rialto. She encouraged the residents to attend the meeting and speak up about the Rialto Commerce Center Project. Ms. Alba stated Mr. Getty was the only one who received a letter from the city and the other residents had not. Ms Vasquez and the MAC members expressed surprise, as none were aware that the City Council would discuss this issue next week.

Eric Davenport expressed frustration with Code Enforcement's notices. He stated the county will charge \$98 per hour to clear weeds if residents do not take care of it. He said he may sue Code Enforcement due to untimely notices. He commented on how tough it was to mow green weeds. He believed it should be done at the end of the season.

Due to time constraints, Antonio Carrillo will speak about burglar prevention next month.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED – May 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN MEETING - The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.